

AMHI Reform Advisory Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 1:00pm – 2:15pm via Microsoft Teams

Welcome

- Welcome by EJ Dean – Manager of Adult Mental Health Programs and Services

Comments/Questions on Previous Information Shared

- What were the recommendations from the last meeting on “drivers” for recalibration?
 - Mike: Formula is data specific; we utilized census information, relative risk of population and different factors from other sources to impact the rural population and deprivation index; the data is a “point in time” for a specific period; part of the goal was to develop updated distributions when warranted; there are no specific short-term change plans of distribution; it’s reasonable to assume sometime in the next 10 years or so DHS will reassess; the legislative mandate goal is that no one’s funds are reduced; may initiate a review if more funds are allocated to AMHIs; can also initiate a review when the data sources are updated;
 - Pam states that what was learned through Mike’s work is that a short amount of time would not impact everyone enough for the disruption it could cause; rather, there needs to be a reasonable change; also if a region decides to change, only that region would be looked at; DHS promises nothing would be done without notice; also don’t want it to be stagnant either; at some point DHS needs to review the formula to ensure it is continuously representative of the state;
 - Member adds they walked through the formula and criteria at their AMHI meeting this month and received an overall positive response
- Member: Did any legislative changes occur in this session?
 - Pam: We have not had an opportunity to see details of what has passed, but we will let everyone know; any changes would be in the 2000-page omnibus bill which is still being reviewed
- Member: Grant funding - is there a possibility to reduce gaps that happen at the end of state fiscal years and calendar years?
 - Pam: Legislatively proposed a stop gap for now but next year DHS is going to present the requested change for our appropriation type, which is a bigger ask
- Member: When will we receive the application and what is the deadline?
 - Pam: The application is not finalized yet, but we are working on a reduced application that will be less burdensome; also working with some other areas on how to move it forward; hope is to get it out no later than July; hope to have contracts in place well before the end of December/ beginning of January; DHS will also be offering technical assistance sessions for applications
- Member: Will any current BRASS codes change or new ones be added?
 - Pam: There are no plans for any BRASS codes to change or be removed; BRASS code 419 was added in 2023. Fiscal Host BRASS codes were added in 2024; there are no plans to add any additional BRASS codes
- Member: There were some previous trainings on data reporting; will there be any touchback to that data and the different ways to report? Want to understand where to send this data to at DHS; could this be addressed at a future meeting?

- Pam: DHS is currently in the process of hiring a MHIS coordinator who will provide training and TA
- Pam: Updates will continue to be provided at the AMHI Statewide meetings

Data and Discussion for Innovative Strategies/AMHI Collaboration and Partnerships

- Practices and BRASS codes
 - Took the MMB practice areas and corresponding BRASS codes then listed the number of AMHI's using this practice
 - Encouraged AMHIs to use this to understand what is going on around the state and give ideas and options of what others could be doing and what their peers are doing that might be helpful
 - This document will be shared with members
 - Member: Is this what we think should be in those or just what is being used?
 - Pam: These are the BRASS codes currently being used
- How are we spending the money statewide, by BRASS code?
 - Data shown from 2019 and 2023, pre and post COVID

AMHI Collaboration

- Shared data and desire to continue to see AMHIs collaborate
- Ideas for ongoing collaboration:
 - AMHI coordinator meetings
 - Statewide meetings topics
- Poll: Would you be interested in participating in AMHI Coordinator collaboration meetings?
 - 13 Yes'
 - 0 No's
 - New AMHI coordinator meeting has been set and an invite has been sent to all coordinators – 2nd Thursday of each month at 2pm
- Poll: Would you be interested in hearing and/or presenting innovative practices and services at AMHI Statewide meetings?
 - 11 Yes'
 - 2 No's
- Pam invites members to reach out to the AMHI team at [MN DHS amhi.dhs@state.mn.us](mailto:MN_DHS_amhi.dhs@state.mn.us) if DHS can play a role in meetings
- Thank you to Mike for speaking actuarial language to social service providers; he's been involved since the beginning and has been very helpful and made this process better
- Mike says this was a gratifying project (4 years)
- Last slide: The work this group has done and continues to do is cutting edge, filled with equity and best practices; grateful for all members
- Thank you to everyone for their efforts over the years; we can see the fruits of everyone's labor